

# NEBRASKA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

## Title 38

### Explanatory Statement

These draft regulations completely repeal the current regulations, modernize the language, reorder sections in a logical, user friendly format, conform to the numbering structure of the Nebraska Administrative Code, eliminate inconsistencies, add definitions where definitions were missing, and accurately memorialize current Athletic Commission (Commission) practices and requirements. The regulations also implement the following legislation:

- [LB 869 \(2012\)](#), removing amateur boxing from the Commission's jurisdiction;
- [LB 78 \(2013\)](#), eliminating the Athletic Advisory Committee, the appointed body that used to hear appeals from decisions of the State Athletic Commissioner. Because LB 78 repealed a statutory appeals process, the Commission is required to adopt practice and procedure regulations to safeguard licensees' due process rights. This draft adopts the model rules of practice and procedure;
- [LB 291 \(2015\)](#), removing professional wrestling from the Commission's jurisdiction; and
- [LB 823 \(2016\)](#), granting the Commission explicit authority to adopt a list of banned substances and prescribing a graduated system of suspensions and fines for drug test failures. This draft implements LB 823 by adopting the [World Anti-Doping Agency's \(WADA\) 2016 Prohibited List](#).

The draft regulations also explicitly adopt the [Association of Boxing Commissions \(ABC\) Unified Rules of Boxing](#) and the [ABC Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts](#). Having the unified rules of both respective sports in place is important, as they provide contestants from across multiple jurisdictions with a common framework of rules, thus preventing confusion regarding what is allowed and what is prohibited.